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SUBJECT: THE LAO CEASEFIRE - NINETEENTH WEEK

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I. POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

1. NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE RLG AND LPF CHIEF NEGOTIATORS, PHENG AND PHOUMI, CONTINUED ON AN ALMOST DAILY BASIS THROUGH THE NINETEENTH WEEK OF THE CEASEFIRE IN LAOS. DURING THIS TIME, THE NEGOTIATORS COMPLETED A SYSTEMATIC EXAMINATION OF THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY ARTICLES OF THE PROTOCOL, AND HAVE IDENTIFIED DIFFERENCES IN THEIR POSITIONS WHICH EXIST ON MOST MAJOR QUESTIONS. AFTER MEETING ON JULY 3, THE NEGOTIATORS RECESSED THE TALKS TEMPORARILY TO PERMIT BOTH SIDES TO RE- EXAMINE THEIR POSITIONS.

2. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PHNOM PENH AND WASHINGTON APPEAR TO HAVE STIMULATED THE LAO TO FOCUS ON THE AUGUST 15 DEADLINE FOR AN END TO U. S. BOMBING. MANY LAO BELIEVE THAT LAO SITUATION IS RELATED DIRECTLY TO RESOLUTION OF CAMBODIAN PROBLEM. (COMMENT: CHARGE HAS NOTED TO RLG REPS THAT LAO NEGOTIATIONS NEED NOT BE TIED TO DEVELOPMENTS IN CAMBODIA. END COMMENT)

II. MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS

1. COMBAT ACTIVITY DECLINED FURTHER DURING NINETEENTH WEEK OF CEASEFIRE, WITH 8 INCIDENTS DURING PREVIOUS WEEK. ALL BUT ONE OCCURRED IN SOUTH LAOS. RLAf FLEW ONLY 4 COMBAT SORTIES (ALL IN ONE DAY IN MR- III), COMPARED TO 17 DURING PREVIOUS WEEK.

2. IN MR- III, AFTER FLURRY OF ACTIVITY IN AREA APPROX 20 KM EAST OF THAKHEK, INCLUDING MULTI- COMPANY ENGAGEMENTS, FRIENDS REPORTEDLY HAVE REOCCUPIED POSITION THEY HAD LOST AND FIGHTING HAS SUBSIDED. FARTHER NORTH, ENEMY CONTINUED TO PURSUE AND HARASS SPORADICALLY REFUGEES WHO HAD WITHDRAWN FROM SAN SOAK ENCLAVE AND ARE MOVING NORTHWEST TOWARD CANG SA NI ENCLAVE. ELSEWHERE, THERE WERE ONLY MINOR PATROL CLASHES AND SHELLINGS. MR- IV REPORTED 7 RALLIERS -- ONE NVA SOLDIER FROM KHONG ISLAND/ NORTH-EAST CAMBODIA AREA AND 6 PL SOLDIERS FROM EASTERN BOLOVENS PLATEAU.

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